GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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PENDING COURT CASES
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh;Thummar Shri Virjibhai

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the causes of the increasing number of litigation and pending court cases;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Law Commission of India as well as various committees constituted by the Government have from time to time studied and reported on the causes of increasing number of litigation and pending court cases. Some of the important reasons contributing to increasing number of litigation and pendency of cases in courts are indicated in the Annexure.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Government has taken several steps including increasing the strength of judges in the High Courts, setting up of Fast Track Courts, setting up of special tribunals like the Central Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals for facilitating reduction of pendency of cases in the courts. Government also has under implementation a scheme of computerization of District and Subordinate Courts. Alternative modes of disposal including mediation, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. With a view to ensuring expeditious disposal of cases, the Civil Procedure Code has been amended, inter alia, limiting the number of adjournments that can be given to a party and the concept of 'Plea Bargaining' has been introduced through the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2005.